आदि की आयात संबंधी नीति में निहित कोटि संबंधी दिशानिर्देशों के अनुसार, स्वीकृति अपेक्षित है।

(ख) वीडियो लायब्रेरियों/पार्लरों के लिये अनुज्ञापत्र जारी करने और उन पर मनोरंजन कर लगाने का मामला राज्य सरकारों और संघ शासित क्षेत्र प्रशासनों के क्षेत्राधिकार में आता है।

Secret Plan to Induce Indian Jews to Emigrate to Israel

790. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Israel is working on a secret plan to induce Indian Jews to emigrate to Israel;

(b) whether Government are aware that Tel Aviv intended to fly in 35,000 Indian Jews to Israel within the next two years, and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) Government are not aware of any Israeli plan to induce Indian Jews to emigrate to Israel. There is in any case no ban on such emigration.

(c) Does not arise.

Weaknesses in Post Graduate Curriculum of I.I.T.s

791. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed by the Council of Indian Institutes of Technology pointed out serious weaknesses in the Post Graduate curriculum of the I.I.Ts;

(b) whether the Committee has recommended thorough restructuring of Post-graduate curriculum and scrapping of certain courses;

(c) whether Government have examined the report, and if so what decision has been taken thereon; and

(d) whether it is a fact that a number of seats reserved for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in the I.I.Ts remain unfilled every year; if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Council of Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) has considered the report of the Committee and has referred their recommendations to the IITs for their consideration and suggestions.

(d) Yes, Sir. For admission to M. Tech. courses, measures such as lower cut-off point in the Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) and enhancement in the value of scholarship have been adopted by IITs for improving the intake of these students.

Extension of broadgauge line from Guwahati to Tinsukia

792. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Assam Government had requested for the extension of broad-gauge line from Guwahati to Tinsukia;

(b) if so, whether any survey report was submitted by North Frontier Railway to the Union Government; and

(c) if so what are the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The length of the MG line from Guwahati to Dibrugarh and Tinsukia is 545 km and conversion to broad gauge was estimated to cost Rs. 327 crores as per 1986 Survey Report.

Auction of right to supply Porters at Madras Airport

793. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the right to supply porter manpower at Madras airport has been auctioned; and

(b) what is the total number of porters allowed to be pressed into service at National Terminal and Internal Terminal, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) IAAI provide free porterage service at international airports for the benefit of needy passengers such as aged, physically handicapped, unaccompanied ladies etc. Madras Airport, M/s. Ex-Servicemen Airlink Transport Service have been engaged to provide porters for this service.

(b) 6 porters each have been deployed at the Domestic and International Terminals at Madras Airport. There is also a provision of one leave reserve.

Maintenance of Palm Leaf Manuscripts in Bhubaneswar Museum

794. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some rare palm leaf manuscripts are lying in a dilapidated condition at present in Bhubaneswar museum;

(b) whether the maintenance and preservation of those manuscripts are very necessary; and

(c) if so, what is the assistance so far extended by the Centre for the proper preservation, editing and publication of those manuscripts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) It is understood that Bhubaneswar museum has got a number of rare palm leaf manuscripts which need further preservation measures and phased publishing. There is no scheme under which assistance can be given by the Department of Culture to State owned museums. Therefore, it had been suggestd to the State Govt. to draw up a project for preservation, editing and publication of these manuscripts and put up for allocation of funds before the Planning Commission.

Construction of Hostel for Working Women at Jamshedpur

795. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had sanctioned about Rs. 5.5 lakh in November, 1986 towards construction of a hostel for working women by the 'Arjun Mahila Shilp Kendra, at Jamshedpur (Bihar) and had also advanced to it the first instalment of more than Rs. 1.4 lakh for the completion of the project;

(b) whether the project and the Mahila Kendra have been found to be a fraud; if so, the facts of the case; and

(c) what are the names of the guilty persons and action taken against each of them so far?